

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1 and 6-9, 11-19 remain active in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

The specification has been updated to include relevant information concerning the lineage of this application in a manner suggested by the examiner on page 2, second paragraph of the Official Action.

The claims have been amended in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that which applicant regards as his invention and to address issues raised in the outstanding Official Action.

Claims 1-4 and 11 as filed are the subject of a statutory double patenting rejection over claims 1-5 of prior U.S. patent 6,335,369. Addressing this rejection, the subject matter of claims 4 and 5 has been incorporated into claim 1 and claims 2 and 3 withdrawn. These amendments resolve the statutory double patenting rejection.

The amendments also resolve the prior art-based rejections set out on pages 3 and 4 of the Official Action directed to claims 1, 2 and 11-13 on the basis of Cavazza 4,272,549. The document to which the examiner refers is identified and discussed in the specification of this application. The United States Patent and Trademark Office has already determined the patentability of these claims as evidenced by the issuance of U.S. patent 6,335,369. The rejections are therefore moot by this previous USPTO action as well as the amendments made above.

All of the originally filed claims are the subject of two obviousness-type double patenting rejections, one based on U.S. 6,335,369 and the other based on U.S. 6,696,493. Submitted with this response are Terminal Disclaimers in respect of both of these U.S. patents thereby overcoming the rejections stated on page 5 of the Official Action.

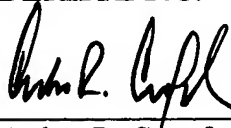
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With these amendments, disclaimers and comments, all of the issues raised in the outstanding Official Action have been resolved, hence allowance of claims 1 and 6-9 and 11-19 is solicited. If for any reason the examiner requires further information, please contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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